

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: John Douglas Shuker )  
Serial No.: To Be Assigned )  
Filed: Concurrently Herewith )  
For: Vehicle Door Hinge )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments to the claims of the patent application identified above, before calculating the total amount of filing fee required for that application.

**In the Claims**

Please cancel claim 7 without prejudice.

Please rewrite the following claims in amended form:

3.(Amended) A hinge assembly according to Claim 1 wherein said hinge pin engagement means is a ball bearing.